

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## ACTIVE SHOOTER ALERT ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Active Shooter Alert Act, another strong step to help save lives from the scourge of gun violence.

On average, more than 300 Americans are shot every day across the country—including more than 20 precious children.

Many are horrifically murdered in mass shootings, as we have sadly witnessed in Uvalde, Buffalo and many more communities. And tragically, hundreds more fall victim to the daily massacre of gun crime, which rarely makes the evening news.

These shootings often unfold in the heart of our communities:

- in homes and in our neighborhoods;
- in our schools and on our streets;
- at our malls and in our movie theaters.

But right now, there's no efficient and effective way for law enforcement to warn nearby families to avoid the site of a shooting—which is putting more innocent lives at risk.

That is why, today, the House will pass strong, bipartisan legislation to quickly warn communities when a gunman opens fire.

Our Active Shooter Alert Act will help set up a system similar to AMBER Alerts—helping state and local law enforcement agencies to notify those in the area of an active shooter threat.

With a more unified, streamlined and standardized system, we can keep communities better informed and prevent more innocent families from unknowingly walking into danger.

Let us salute an unyielding champion in the fight against gun violence, Congressman DAVID CICILLINE, for crafting this commonsense and life-saving measure.

And importantly, this vital legislation has the support of many major law enforcement organizations, who have called for its passage, including:

- the National Sheriffs' Association;
- the Major Cities Chiefs Associations;
- the National Association of Police Organizations;
- the Fraternal Order of Police;
- the National Police Foundation;
- and the National District Attorneys Association.

As we pass this bill today, we remain grateful that the Senate will pass bipartisan legislation to prevent gun violence.

While more is needed, this bill will take steps to save lives.

These measures would represent the most significant gun violence prevention legislation in three decades—breaking through the gridlock that has long blocked House-passed bills from becoming law.

At the same time, our Democratic House Majority will never stop fighting for more life-saving measures.

House Democrats have twice passed the Bipartisan Background Checks Act and the Enhanced Background Checks Act, to secure universal background checks on all gun purchases.

Earlier this month, we passed our Protecting Our Kids Act to:

- raise the age to 21 years old to buy weapons of war;
- ban high-capacity magazines designed for mass murder;
- ensure safe storage to protect our children from tragic accidents;
- and take additional steps to save lives.

Mr. Speaker, our fight to prevent gun violence is of, by and for the children.

Of the children, because they are suffering. It is heartbreaking that, in America, more children die from guns than any other cause.

By the children, because they are leading. We see them marching in the streets, testifying before the Congress, demanding action.

And always For The Children: building a future where every child can reach his or her fulfillment, free from the fear of gun violence.

Protecting our children must be a unifying mission in the Congress—as it is a unifying issue for the American people.

And nowhere will we find more agreement than this commonsense measure to help keep innocent families out of the line of fire.

I urge a strong, bipartisan “aye” vote for this life-saving legislation.

## IN RECOGNITION OF LAURA NAKASAKA FOR TWO YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Laura Nakasaka for nearly two years of invaluable service to my office and my constituents in Washington's 1st Congressional District.

Laura joined my office as a Staff Assistant and Press Assistant in September 2020 during the height of the pandemic and has worked tirelessly to ensure my constituents are kept up-to-date on my work for the district. Laura has brought a tremendous positive attitude, hard work ethic, and wonderful creativity to the role.

Over her tenure, she played an instrumental role in overseeing the smooth ramp up of in-person constituent services as we transitioned back to being in the office, training and mentoring our interns to ensure seamless front office operations, and boosting our social media presence through innovative strategies—all while building lasting relationships with my team and those who had the pleasure of getting to know her. In addition, her incredible knowledge of caring for plants has also inspired many in our office to become plant parents themselves. Laura has been an amazing

staffer and a wonderful friend to all in the office, and we will all sorely miss her.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Laura Nakasaka and wishing her the best in all of her future endeavors.

## HONORING DR. REIN BEEUWKES

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my friend and colleague Congresswoman LORI TRAHAN to recognize the work of Dr. Rein Beeuwkes and his recognition as the first recipient of the MIT Better World Alumni Service Award. This award honors a single MIT alumnus who “has demonstrated the ability, passion, and unwavering commitment for working wisely creatively and effectively to advance the MIT idea for the betterment of humankind.”

In 2005, deeply concerned about the need to move the U.S. and the world to a low carbon sustainable future, Rein recognized that in order to meet even the modest climate goals that had been set, there would need to be major technological breakthroughs. After considerable research, Rein was persuaded that fusion energy could become one of those breakthroughs if government adequately funded it and if the scientists working on fusion directed their focus to getting energy to the grid at a competitive price.

Rein, affectionately known as “fusion man,” has become the evangelist for the potential and promise of fusion energy. Rein has worked tirelessly with the community of fusion scientists to set goals that will bring fusion energy to the grid in this decade. Rein was instrumental in urging the formation of the bipartisan Congressional Fusion Energy Caucus.

Over the past decade, Rein has been an enthusiastic citizen-advocate for an accelerated fusion energy program in which MIT's Plasma Science and Fusion Center has played a leading role. Rein's support for MIT's fusion research helped spur the first commercial nuclear fusion reactor in North America which is being built in Devens, MA by Commonwealth Fusion Systems.

## HONORING THE CAREER OF MATT LIFFREING

HON. MICHELLE STEEL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and career of one of my constituents, Matt Liffreing.

Whether with the City of Huntington Beach, or the chamber of commerce, his commitment to serving our community spans many roles

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and more than 4 decades, where he recorded and reported the events of Huntington Beach.

Not only is he a lifelong Southern Californian, but he is truly a trailblazer in the field of cable journalism. With programs like his "Local Cable Update," "Made in Huntington Beach," and "Surf City Highlights," Mr. Liffreing has brought everything from important current events to exciting local businesses to the airwaves, sharing the stories of our vibrant communities.

Today, on behalf of all Orange County, I want to thank Mr. Liffreing and congratulate him on his 40 years of service to our community.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE POSTAL POLICE AUTHORITY CLARIFYING ACT

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Postal Police Authority Clarifying Act, which would clarify that United States Postal Police Officers (PPOs) have authority to protect mail, postal property and postal employees both on and off United States Postal Service (USPS) real property. PPOs had been performing their duties both on and off USPS real property, but USPS has recently informed them that their statutory police powers are limited to USPS real property.

Under federal law, Postal Inspectors are authorized "to investigate criminal matters related to the Postal Service and the mails . . .," while PPOs are authorized to protect the "property owned or occupied by the Postal Service or under the charge and control of the Postal Service, and persons on that property, including duty in areas outside the property to the extent necessary to protect the property and persons on the property." USPS has recently informed PPOs that property consists only of USPS real property, so PPO police powers are limited to USPS real property. This narrow interpretation of the statute severely limits the ability of PPOs to protect mail and postal staff.

There has been an increase in mail theft nationally, including through the theft of stolen universal keys, formally referred to as "arrow keys." A constituent recently contacted my office after checks they put in a blue collection box were stolen. Thieves changed the payees and dollar amounts on the checks, and tens of thousands of dollars were stolen from my constituent's account. This is just one example of the increased mail theft occurring now, and is ample evidence of the need for legislation to clarify the authority of PPOs to fully protect mail and postal employees.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL WIN- NING THE DIVISION I STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school baseball team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young men of the Northview High School baseball team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division I State Baseball Title. The Northview Wildcats overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division I State Baseball Playoffs.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Northview Wildcats defeated their outstanding competitors to win their first state baseball championship. The members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result. Their hard work and dedication, both on and off the field, in achieving this accomplishment should be commended.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Northview High School baseball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE AFFORD- ABLE AND ACCESSIBLE INFANT FORMULA ACT

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2022*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Affordable and Accessible Infant Formula Act, legislation to temporarily suspend tariffs on imported infant formula.

As we've all seen, families across the country have been facing a devastating infant formula shortage. Between the closure of an Abbott plant in Michigan in February and general supply chain struggles, out-of-stock rates for formula have been growing exponentially. At the end of May, ten states and fourteen metropolitan areas have out-of-stock rates higher than 90 percent. To make matters worse, re-starting formula production at Abbott's Michigan plant was further delayed after flooding from severe storms.

The Biden-Harris Administration has acted swiftly to respond to the crisis. In May, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) took unprecedented action to temporarily exercise enforcement discretion to increase infant formula in the United States. As of June 10, the Biden-Harris Administration has secured commitments to import 130.7 million bottles of formula.

The FDA's actions have allowed formula to be imported from around the world including Germany, Switzerland, and England. However, infant formula faces a substantial tariff when imported from countries without a Free Trade

Agreement or that are not part of a preference program. As infant formula is imported into the United States during this period of an infant formula shortage, tariffs will increase the cost of the formula by approximately 27 percent on average.

At a time of unprecedented crisis, the federal government should swiftly seek to remove any barriers that exacerbate the crisis. The FDA has done this by exercising enforcement discretion. Now, it is up to Congress to temporarily suspend the tariffs on imported infant formula so that imported formula is affordable for working families. Suspending these tariffs for the duration of the FDA's current easing import restrictions will lower the cost of infant formula at a time when working families and single parents are struggling.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation and bring relief to families across the country.

#### HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE SERVICE OF EARL ANGELES

### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2022*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated service of Earl Angeles and congratulate him on his retirement. With over 38 years of federal service, Mr. Angeles recently worked as a Medical Technician with the 509th Healthcare Operations Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base where he provided his peers with superior leadership, dedication, and an outstanding effort on a wide variety of projects and major programs that have impacted the Air Force Global Strike Command, and the United States Air Force.

After serving an honorable 24 years in the United States Air Force, Mr. Angeles began his career as a Medical Technician in 2007 where he performed 64,000 tests annually for 12,000 beneficiaries in eight departments. He continuously worked to bring innovative methods to the medical group which includes creating specimen label printing capabilities that improved patient safety and saved the wing \$2,600. He was coined by the squadron commander for his initiative.

At the start of the global Coronavirus pandemic in 2020, Mr. Angeles played a pivotal role in the emergency response of Whiteman Air Force Base and the two following years, he assisted in processing 8,700 Coronavirus disease samples, and the testing of over 3,000 rapid in-house patient samples. Mr. Angeles also helped with the modernization of the laboratory's capabilities by putting into place three analyzers that have increased testing accuracy, and reduced result turnaround times by 97 percent.

For over two decades, Mr. Angeles has devoted his service to the development of the laboratory where he has been a key asset to the wing and Whiteman Air Force Base. His extraordinary talents and determination have led him to win various awards and recognitions. It is a great honor that I recognize the dedicated service and retirement of Mr. Earl Angeles. Please join me in congratulating him for many years of service to our nation and to the United States Air Force.